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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS) US, AF
SUBJECT: LONDON STOP

REF: SECTO 8023, STATE 182211 (TOSEC 80075)

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1. AS I REPORTED TO MOOSE LAST NIGHT, MY TALK WITH OWEN YESTERDAY REASSURES ME THAT U.S. AND UK IN RELIABLE AGREEMENT ON ALL MAJOR ISSUES. OWEN IS CONFIDENT OF UNQUALIFIED CABINET SUPPORT AND YESTERDAY OBTAINED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM CABINET COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. I INFORMED MOOSE THAT OWEN WISHES TO AVOID PRECASTING DETAIL OF SIZE OF UN FORCE AND SPECIFICS OF RELATIONSHIP TO CIVIL AUTHORITY BUT HAS NO RESERVATION ABOUT WHATEVER FORCE PROVES NECESSARY AND PRACTICAL. AS HE STATED IN WASHINGTON, OWEN THINKS UN FORCE WILL HAVE TO BE MORE SUPERVISORY THAN ACTIVELY MILITARY, HENCE INEVITABLY DEPENDENT ON RHODESIA DEFENSE AND POLICE FORCES. OWEN ALSO AGREES ON THREAT OF SANCTIONS LEVERAGE ON SOUTH AFRICA, ALTHOUGH WOULD NOT SEE EVER GOING TO MOST EXTREME MEASURES SUCH AS BLOCKADE MENTIONED IN U.S. PAPER. I SEE NO NEED TO CHANGE OR QUALIFY ROLE OF

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PRESIDENT'S TALK WITH NYERERE IN THE SCENARIO, AND HAVE SO REPORTED TO MOOSE. OWEN IS ON HOLIDAY ALTHOUGH AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTOPHER CALL.

2. PETERSON OF MOOSE'S OFFICE WILL ARRIVE LONDON ON 9TH. MOOSE WILL ARRIVE LONDON ON 11TH. MOOSE WILL ASK BOWDLER TO COME FROM PRETORIA AND LOW TO COME FROM

LUSAKA IN TIME FOR BRIEFING BREAKFAST WITH YOU EARLY MORNING OF 12TH. OWEN SUGGESTS MEETING WITH YOU AND BOTH TEAMS ON AFRICA 9:30 AT FCO. YOU AND HE AND PERHAPS THE TWO AMBASSADORS TO SOUTH AFRICA WOULD LUNCH WITH BOTHA AT CARLTON TERRACE AND CONTINUE THEREAFTER AS LONG AS NECESSARY. PRESUMABLY THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH TIME TO PERMIT YOUR SCHEDULED DEPARTURE NO LATER THAN 1700 ON THE 12TH. HOPE YOU AND GAY WILL STAY AT WINFIELD UNLESS YOU PREFER OTHERWISE.

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